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MEMORANDUM FOR: DD/Pers/SP

SUBJECT : National Civil Service League Special
Achievement Award

1. I talked to Ada Kimsey, Associate Director of the National Civil Service League, regarding the questions in [REDACTED] router, attached. She indicated that the basic difference in the two awards is that one is a career award and the other for special achievement. A total of ten awards will be presented, combination unknown; for example, seven career, three special achievement. Each winner would receive \$1,000 and a certificate. An agency may submit a candidate for each award and there is apparently no restriction on both being winners though I believe this is highly unlikely. Grade, length of service, position, and the like are not factors in the Special Achievement Award. STATINTL

2. When I pressed Ada for an example, she stated that if the Special Achievement Award had been set up a couple of years ago, Neil Armstrong would have received it rather than the Career Service Award.

3. It is my opinion that the League is feeling its way on this one and will need some experience before they can provide more specific guidelines.

4. I have not come up with a suggested candidate and believe it would be poor strategy to do so if we are going to submit a candidate for the Career Service Award. As far as publicity in the Agency is concerned, I suggest the Special Achievement Award be given the same treatment as the other public service awards.

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